

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to support an environmental study and preliminary engineering and design for critical transportation infrastructure improvements in Forrest and Lamar Counties in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mississippi Department of Transportation, located at 401 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The environmental study and preliminary design would ultimately lead to critical infrastructure improvements surrounding the Eagle One Mega Site in Forrest County and Lamar County. The Eagle One Mega Site has the capability to provide major large-industrial development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the study would be a critical first step in creating much needed improvements at the Interstate 59/US Hwy 98 interchange. This interchange is a critical juncture in South Mississippi and the Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area, connecting two major travel arteries and lying adjacent to Eagle One Mega Site, which would deliver major economic development and create thousands of jobs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S. Code § 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress